

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-47 (canceled)

48. (currently amended): An artificial firelog material, comprising:

- (a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments;
- (b) wherein a majority of said segments have faces that are compressed circumferentially in relation to a central longitudinal axis of the firelog; and
- (c) wherein a majority of said segments have ~~surfaces~~ faces that are positioned radially outward in relation to the central longitudinal axis of the firelog.

49. (previously presented): An artificial firelog material as recited in claim 48: wherein said segments open or expand with heat when burned; and wherein corrugations in said segments channel oxygen throughout the segments.

50. (currently amended): An artificial firelog material as recited in claim 48, wherein said segments are adhered together in ~~a generally interlocking planar~~ an overlapping configuration.

51. (currently amended): An artificial firelog material, comprising:

- (a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments;
- (b) wherein a majority of said segments have faces that are compressed circumferentially in relation to a central longitudinal axis of the firelog;
- (c) wherein a majority of said segments have ~~surfaces~~ faces that are positioned radially outward in relation to the central longitudinal axis of the firelog; and
- (d) wherein said segments are adhered together in ~~a generally interlocking planar~~ an overlapping configuration.

52. (previously presented): An artificial firelog material as recited in claim 51: wherein said segments open or expand with heat when burned; and

wherein corrugations in said segments channel oxygen throughout the segments.

53. (currently amended) An artificial firelog material, comprising:

- (a) a plurality of waxed corrugated cardboard segments;
- (b) wherein a majority of said segments have faces that are compressed circumferentially in relation to a central longitudinal axis of the firelog;
- (c) wherein a majority of said segments have ~~surfaces~~ faces that are positioned radially outward in relation to the central longitudinal axis of the firelog;
- (d) wherein said segments are adhered together in a ~~generally interlocking planar~~ an overlapping configuration.
- (e) wherein said segments open or expand with heat when burned; and
- (f) wherein corrugations in said segments channel oxygen throughout the segments.

Claims 54-59 (canceled)